

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version):

Please cancel claims 3 and 8.

1. (Amended) A manufacturing method of a non-woven fabric comprising the steps of:

forming a fibrous web on an outer peripheral surface of a circulating wire net transporting belt;

A forming a non-woven fabric by applying water jets to said fibrous web on the outer peripheral surface of said wire net transporting belt for entangling fibers; and

transporting said non-woven fabric for placement opposite to a forming body including a net having a predetermined pattern and encircling a drum body or a plurality of rolls; and

applying water jets to said non-woven fabric from a side of an inner peripheral surface of said wire net transporting belt or another wire net transporting belt following said wire net transporting belt so as to urge said non-woven fabric onto said forming body to transfer said pattern of said net to said non-woven fabric, wherein

a mesh of said net is sufficiently coarser than a mesh of said wire net transporting belt.

5. (Amended) The manufacturing method of a non-woven fabric as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

drying said non-woven fabric having said pattern transferred thereto.

6. (Amended) A manufacturing method of a non-woven fabric comprising the steps of:

forming a fibrous web on an outer peripheral surface of a circulating wire net transporting belt; and

A² transporting said fibrous web for placement opposite to a forming body including a net having a predetermined pattern and encircling a drum body or a plurality of rolls; and

applying water jets to said fibrous web from a side of an inner peripheral surface of said wire net transporting belt so as to urge said fibrous web onto said forming body to simultaneously entangle fibers of said fibrous web to form the non-woven fabric and transfer said predetermined pattern of said net to said non-woven fabric, wherein

a mesh of said net is sufficiently coarser than a mesh of said wire net transporting belt.

A³ 10. (Amended) The manufacturing method of a non-woven fabric as set forth in claim 6, further comprising the step of:

drying said non-woven fabric having said pattern transferred thereto.
